

2018 – 2019 BUDGET ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 8, 2019

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The meeting started at 7:34 PM.

1. Welcome
 - a. Nine members were present: Cecilia Ciepiela-Kaelin (Chair), Bob Ramsey (Vice-Chair), Dan Rosman, Heather Jones, Sheila Leonard, Juan Gordon, Sr., Chuck Rush, Lars Florio, Jennifer Wagener; APS staff members Leslie Peterson and Tameka Lovett-Miller and School Board representative Tannia Talento.
 - i. Melanie Bowen and Lida Anestidou joined via phone
2. Staff Update
 - a. School Board meeting takeaways
 - i. School Board members are not on the same page – members working to try to get consensus in remaining work sessions
 - ii. Motion to look at efficiency measures we could live without – those that doesn't impact instruction or student experience – about \$500k of these
 - iii. There are additional budget items (that aren't in the budget now) that the Board also feels are important to have
 1. Such as: Chief Diversity Officer, Partnership Coordinator, transportation pilot, budget study, compensation study
 - iv. Board working to agree to what APS can live with and then go to County to ask for additional funds – majority of the Board supports this
 1. Current gap of \$7.3 million
 - b. Longer term planning
 - i. Is the current revenue sharing agreement with the County effective for the type of growth APS is having?
 1. With the type of growth being experienced, we are continuing to see future projected deficits that aren't being addressed with the current agreement and use of one-time funds
 - ii. The current STEP process isn't working efficiently for APS in the current environment of growth and competitiveness
3. Public Comments
 - a. Josh Folb (AEA)
 - i. Appreciates work done by the BAC on the budget
 - ii. After a STEP, believes any additional money should go towards a COLA for those staff members who have no STEP scales
 - iii. Advocates that request from the School Board to the County needs to include asking for additional compensation increases
 - iv. If COLAS are not done on an ongoing basis our salary scales fall behind other school systems
4. Budget Discussion
 - a. BAC member Bob Ramsey proposed an alternative ranking of the Tiers that is based on our voting outcomes
 - i. This will become relevant if additional funds become available from the County

- ii. This alternative ranking moves the increase in class size to the top of Tier 2 rather than in Tier 1
 - 1. And instead moves a number of the Tier 2 items up to Tier 1
- iii. This represents a change in recommendation from the BAC based on having the opportunity to discuss in more detail the trade-off of moving items across Tiers
 - 1. Discussion that not changing the class size now could potentially create a larger budget deficit in future years
- iv. The BAC voted to approve this motion by a vote of 6-5-0
- b. BAC voted to recommend to APS to allocate funds to support a transportation pilot by a vote of 10-0-1

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.